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TAGS: (INVESTIGATIONS)

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE RE KIM DONG-JO TESTIMONY

1. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE ON THE SUBJECT ISSUE WAS  
PREPARED FOR USE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S REGULAR NOON BRIEFING  
AUGUST 3.

QUOTE:

Q. THIS MORNING THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED  
THAT IT HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF  
KOREA THAT KIM DONG-JO WOULD SUPPLY NEW INFORMATION AND  
THAT IT HAD DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE ROK OFFER. HAS THE  
DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATED IN THIS DECISION?

A. THE DECISION TO ACCEPT THE KOREAN OFFER WAS MADE BY  
THE COMMITTEE. WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE COMMITTEE  
AND IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT IN  
OBTAINING THESE ASSURANCES. WE ARE PLEASED THAT A  
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PROCESS IS UNDERWAY WHICH WE ARE HOPEFUL WILL BE FULLY  
RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE TO RESOLVE THE REMAINING UNANSWERED QUESTIONS  
REGARDING OUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

Q. HOW WILL THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS BE HANDLED?

A. I DO NOT WISH TO GO BEYOND THE STATEMENT MADE THIS

MORNING BY CHAIRMAN FLYNT, WHICH WAS BASED ON THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. THE COMMITTEE DECIDED: "TO ACCEPT THE OFFER OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND WILL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNMENT QUESTIONS SO THAT IT MAY OBTAIN ANSWERS FROM MR. KIM."

Q. HOW SOON WILL THIS BE DONE?

A. AS THE COMMITTEE POINTED OUT THIS MORNING, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PROCEED QUICKLY. THE QUESTIONS WILL COME FROM THE COMMITTEE. THEREFORE YOU SHOULD SEEK A MORE PRECISE ANSWER FROM THEM.

Q. WHAT ABOUT MR. JAWORSKI'S STATEMENT YESTERDAY CRITIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE?

A. I CANNOT INTERPRET MR. JAWORSKI'S COMMENTS FOR YOU. AS I HAVE OFTEN SAID IN THE PAST, HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING APPROPRIATE TO RESOLVE THIS IMPORTANT PROBLEM.

Q. THIS MORNING THERE WERE COMMENTS IN THE COMMITTEE WHICH SUGGESTED THAT MR. JAWORSKI MAY HAVE BEEN ASKED TO STEP BACK AT THIS TIME BECAUSE HIS PRESENCE WAS UNHELPFUL TO THE DIALOGUE WITH THE KOREANS. IS THIS TRUE?

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A. AT NO TIME HAS THE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED THAT MR. JAWORSKI SHOULD STEP ASIDE.

UNQUOTE.

2. THE QUESTION DID NOT COME UP AND THE GUIDANCE WAS NOT USED.

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